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Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation Ranked Among the Franchise Elite in *Entrepreneur's* Franchise 500

National Automotive Repair Chain Recognized for Rapid Growth

HOUSTON (January 2011) – Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation (CBAC), the national automotive repair chain known for creating a “positive culture shock” in the automotive segment, has ranked 254 in *Entrepreneur's* 32nd Annual “Franchise 500,” the world’s most comprehensive franchise ranking. It is the brand’s first appearance on the list.

“Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation is proud to be ranked among some of the top franchises in the nation,” said Mark Carr, founder of Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation. “This recognition is a positive testimonial to the strength of our franchise system and the high quality business investors we continue to partner with to represent the brand in local markets nationwide. We look forward to many more successes to come.”

The rankings for all 500 companies are determined using an exclusive formula that takes into account objective and quantifiable factors. An independent CPA analyzes all financial data. The most important factors include financial strength and stability, growth rate and size of the system. All franchises are given a cumulative score, and the 500 franchises with the highest cumulative scores become the Franchise 500 in ranking order.

“Franchises are not only a great avenue to business ownership for many with a thirsty entrepreneurial spirit, but they’re also capable of playing a key role in carrying us into a growing economy,” said Amy Cospers, VP and editor in chief of *Entrepreneur*. “The \$153.7 billion in total payroll and 7.9 million jobs they account for speak to that loud and clear, and the ones that made this year's Franchise 500 are a great place for anyone to start their search for the right business.”

With its upscale home-charm décor, Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation has become a favorite car repair destination for the areas it serves, particularly among women, who are accustomed to the dirty, dingy image of auto repair shops and their sometimes questionable business practices. CBAC follows the Christ-like principles of servant leadership, and therefore abides by the utmost ethical and honest business practices.

To view Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation in the full ranking, visit www.entrepreneur.com/franchise500. Results can also be seen in the January issue of *Entrepreneur*.

About Christian Brothers Automotive

Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation is one of the nation’s leading automotive service and repair franchise systems with 74 locations open and an additional 35 under development in 14 states including Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama.

Mark Carr, president and CEO of CBAC, opened the first Christian Brothers Automotive in Houston, Texas in 1982. The store’s main principle was to run an automotive repair facility based on honesty, integrity, reliability and exceptional customer service, which is still the core philosophy of CBAC today. CBAC began selling franchises in 1996 and continues to grow at a

pace of thirteen to sixteen stores annually. The company also continues to maintain a 100 percent success rate with its store operations, never having closed a location.

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